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COMMUNICATIONS UNIT OF THE MINISTRY
OF HOME AFFAIRS, NORTH KOREA

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brick structure near the main railroad station in Pyongyang. An out-building houses transportation equipment, horses, and radio repair facilities.

(a) Organization

Currently commanded by a Lt. Col. NAM, Song-tu (南星斗), the battalion comprises three training companies plus technical, administrative and cultural support units. The first and second companies, concerned respectively with advanced telephone-telegraph and radio training, are composed of non-commissioned trainees. The third, which provides basic training in both telephone-telegraph and radio, is made up of recruits and privates. A security officer with the rank of captain is assigned at the command level by the Political Security Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs. Total strength, excepting maintenance personnel, averages 250; of this number about twenty officers and fifteen non-commissioned officers constitute the permanent cadre.

(b) Functions*

In addition to its training responsibilities, the battalion is directed in an emergency to take full charge of front-line communications. Telephone and telegraph units are to establish and maintain contact between forward and rear echelons of the Kyongri-dae in the battle area, while mobile radio teams are to proceed to the front for the purpose of maintaining a direct communication link between Pyongyang and the forward commanders.

(c) Recruitment and Training

Trainees are recruited from among enlisted personnel assigned to communications companies of the three Kyongpi-dae brigades. Party membership and an outstanding record are prerequisites to selection for battalion training. Non-commissioned officers who have had substantial communications experience are assigned to the first and second companies, where they are given intensive training either in telephone-telegraph or radio techniques, supplemented by courses in allied subjects. Upon completion of three months' training, they become eligible for direct commission as communications officers and for reassignment to field units of the Kyongpi-dae. Members of the third company receive a three-month basic course in radio and telephone-telegraphy, following which they may be given non-commissioned rank and enrolled in one of the more advanced courses.

Members of the first and second companies receive instruction in political theory, telephone-telegraph or radio operating techniques, mathematics, magnetism and electricity, geography, switch-board operation, military science, non-electric machine handling techniques, and physical training. The curriculum for members of the third company is essentially the same, though restricted to an introductory plane.

Special re-briefing courses are conducted yearly for communications personnel on field assignment. These last one-and-one-half months and attendance is compulsory for all officers and men.

(d) Equipment

Electrical equipment assigned to the Battalion includes the following:

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| 5 | portable short-wave transmitters | (VT #225, #221); two US-made, three Japanese made; |
| 2 | stationary short-wave transmitters | model and power unstated, Japanese-made; |
| 5 | short-wave receivers | Japanese-made: "MU-62", "MU-65", "BI-4"; |

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5	radio-telephone sets	(VT #30, #131); US-made;
6	radio-telephone sets	(VT #1A5, #1L4; US-made #300;
4	oscillators	(VT #46, #6C6, #80); for training purposes;
2	generators	converted to produce "B"-volts 700, "A"-volts 7;
2	transformers	output: "B"-volts 500, "A"-volts 24;
1	amplifier	specifications unstated;
2	telephone switchboards	Japanese-made; 12-circuit and 20-circuit;
21	telephone sets	US-made; #338;
15	telephone sets	Japanese-made; type #92;
2	telephone switchboards	USSR-made; "KA" type, 10-circuit;
4	loud-speakers	one 12", three 10";
3	hand generators	Japanese-made; "94" type; "B"-volts 500, "A"-volts 7;
5	line testers	US and Japanese-made;
15	antenna units	
10	transmitting and receiving crystals	4560KC, 4580KC, 3990KC;
20	spare tubes	VT #225, #23, #510B, #6F6, #5Z3, #80;
55,000 m.	military communication wire	half US-made; half USSR-made;
51	signal flags	
300	batteries	1-volt, 5-volt;
60	batteries	60-volts "B";
20	sending keys	

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The battalion is equipped also with 36 sub-machine guns, 150 carbines, 14 infantry rifles and 6 pistols.

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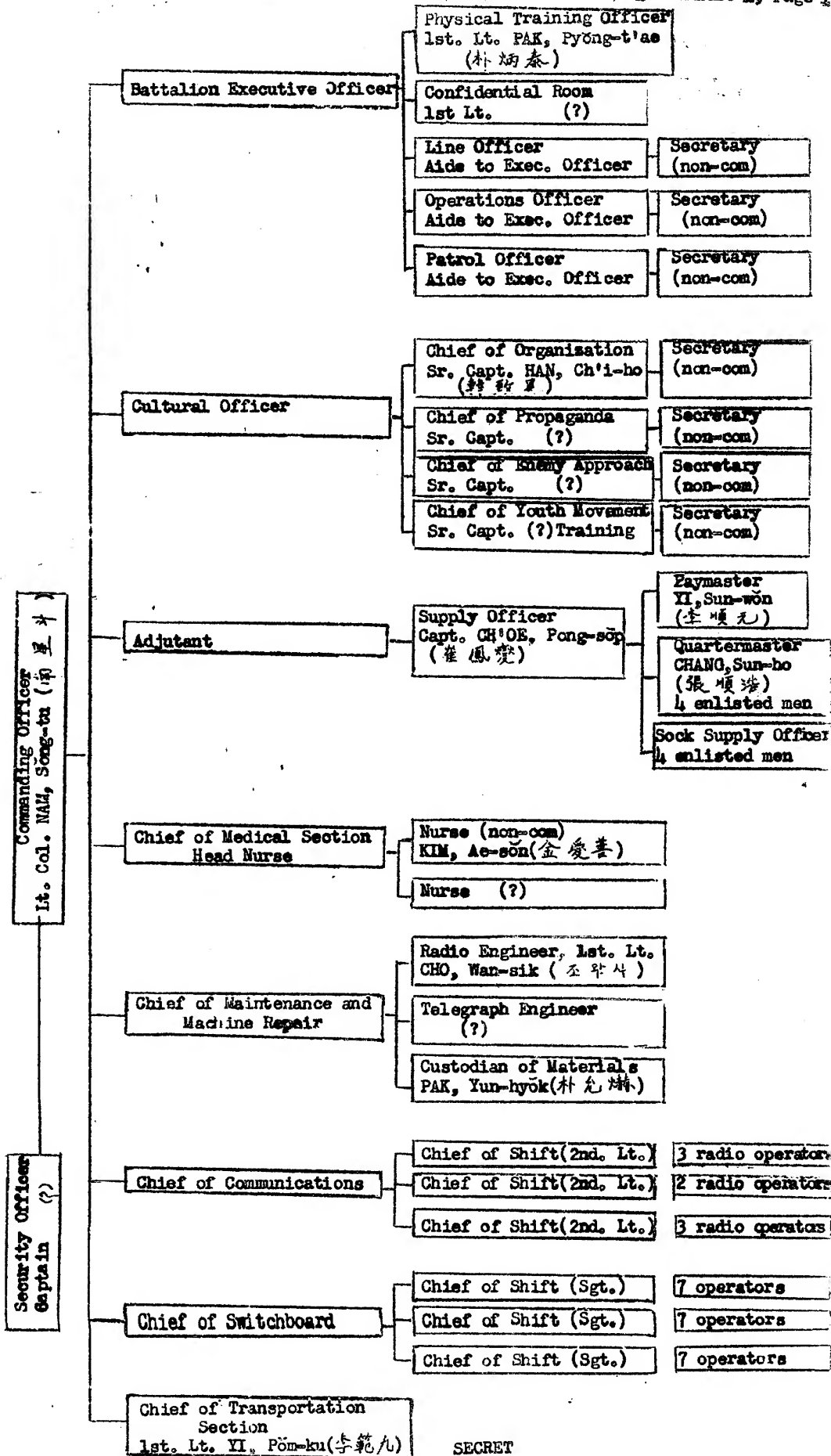
Comment. [redacted] not make it clear whether the battalion has any current duties other than training. The need for direct telephone contact with the central transmitting station and the maintenance of its own signal center, apparently operated on a shift basis (see Attachment A), would seem to indicate some regular relaying function.

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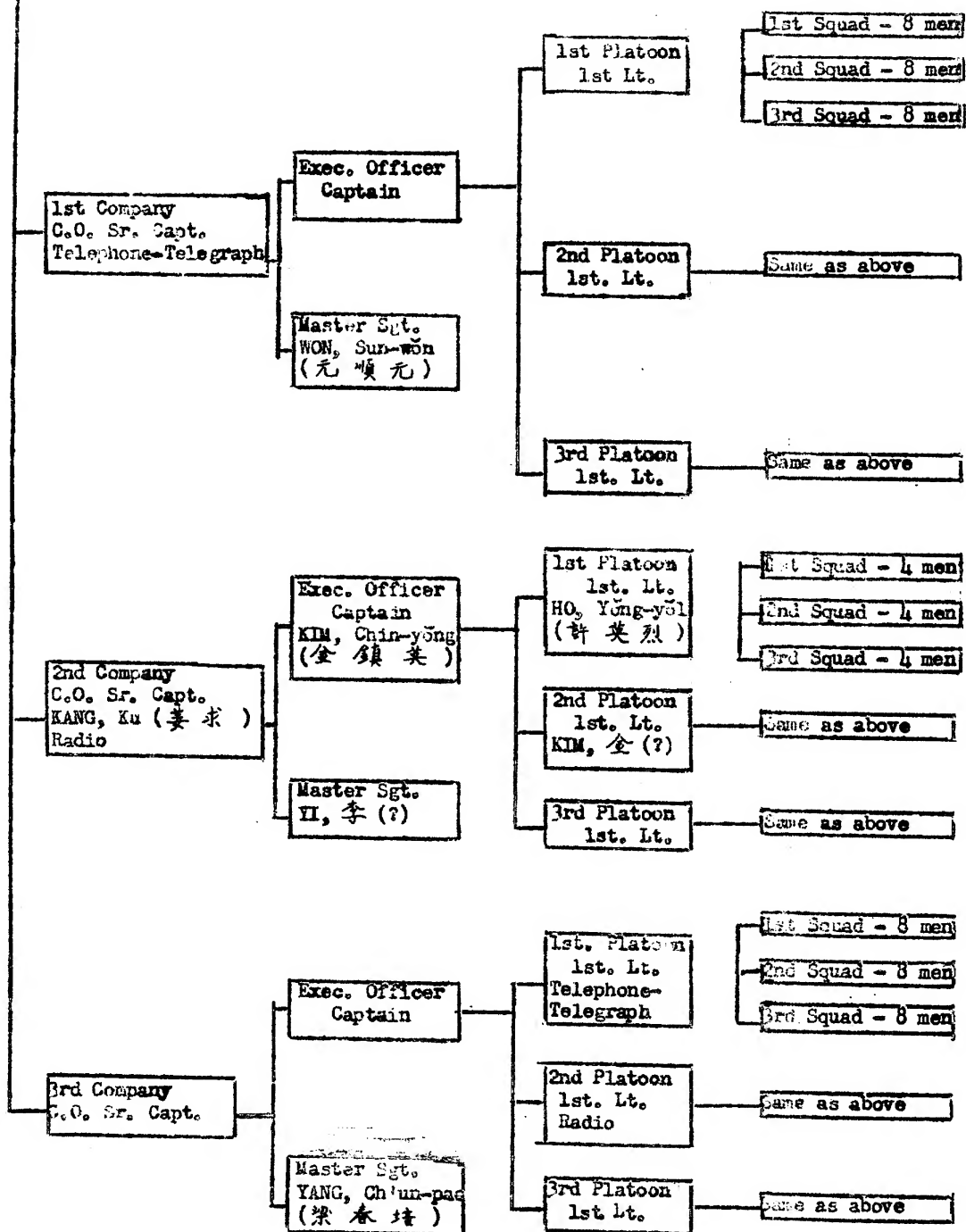
1. Organization chart
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MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF CENTRAL TRANSMITTING STATION
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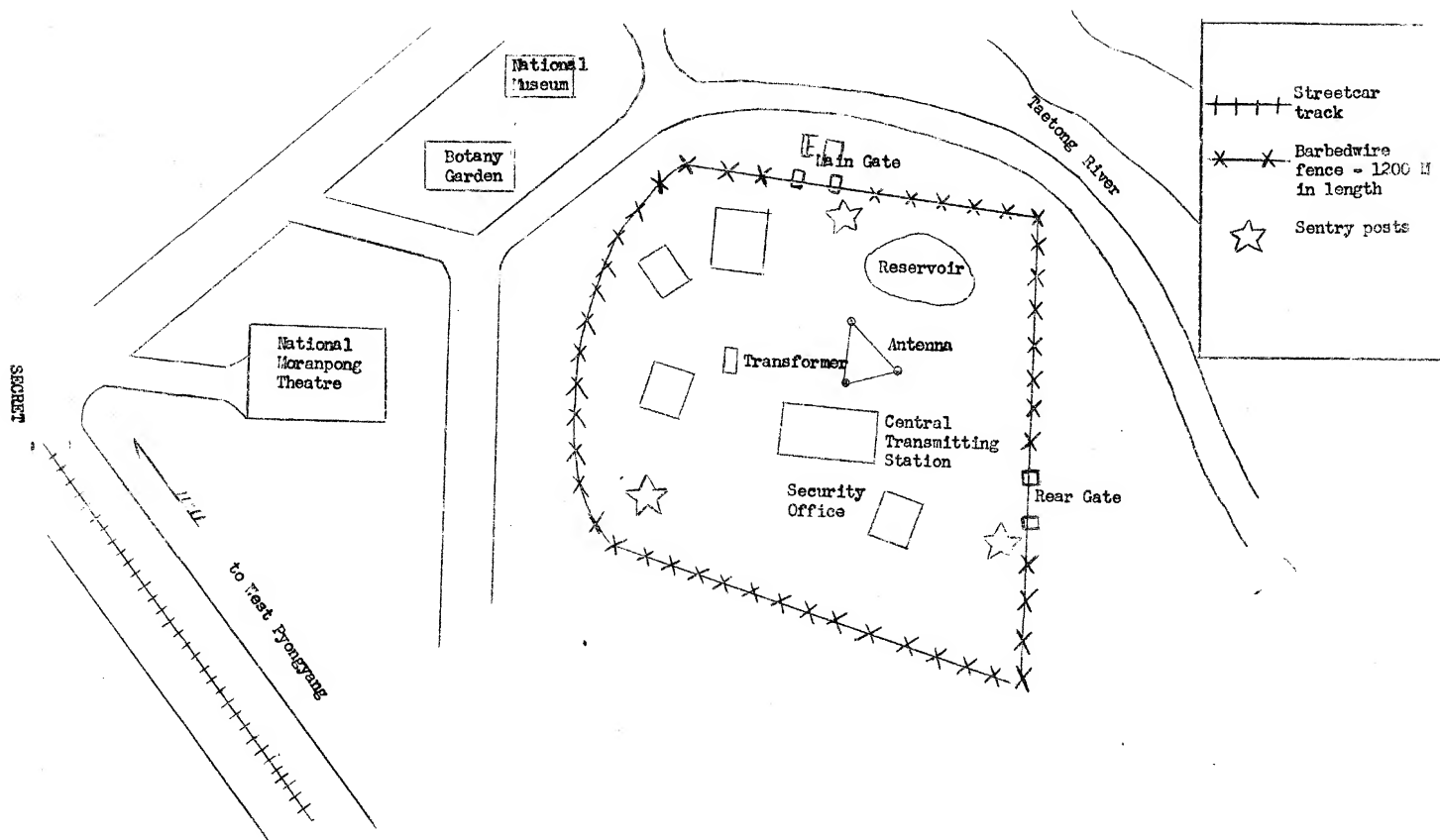
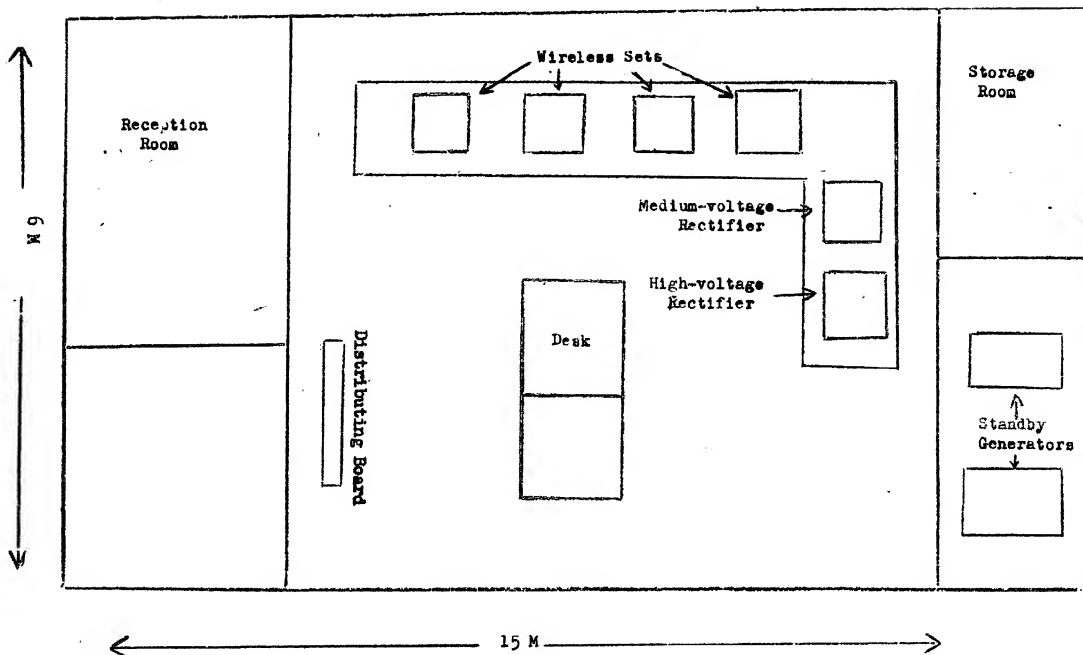


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Attachment C